Export Oriented Industrial Zone in Gujarat

778. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of Gujarat has undertaken to implement a 100 per cent export oriented industrial zone (EOIZ) near Gandhi Nagar, Ankleshwar, Vapi and Surat;

(b) whether a proposal to upgrade EOIZ into EPZ to facilitate the substantial potential of exports from Gujarat is pending for clearance with Government ; and

(c) if so, what measures are being taken to accord early clearance to the proposal ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) to (c) No proposal of the Gujarat Government for establishing 100% Export Oriented Industrial Zone has been received in this Ministry. However, its proposal for setting up of an Export Promotion Industrial Park (EPIP) at Savil in Baroda District has recently been received which will be considered at the next meeting of Inter-Ministerial Steering Committee for EPIP to be held on 14-12-94.

Direct Border Trade with Bangladesh and Myanmar

779. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the North Eastern States had been demanding the opening of direct border trade with Bangladesh and Myanmar ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the reaction of Government in this regard ;

(d) whether it is also a fact that Indo-Myanmar land route trade agreement which was expected to be signed in October, 1994 has been deferred indefinitely affecting the border trade part; and

(e) if so, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) to (c) This Ministry has received suggestions from some North Eastern States for resuming border trade wtih Bangladesh and Myanmar. After mutual consultation with the Govt. of Myanmar, the Govt. of India has since concluded a Border Trade Agreement with Myanmar, which was signed on 21-1-94. The Border Trade between India & Myanmar is proposed to be conducted initially through two points viz., Morsh in Manipur and Champai in Mizoram.

As regards Bangladesh in the Joint Economic Commission meeting held on 28-12-1993, in Dhaka, mutual need and desirability for border trade was stressed.

(d) and (e) Do not arise. Since the Border Trade Agreement with Myanmar has already been signed.

Imposition of Tax on Import of Flowers

780. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that European Union Countries have imposed 15 percent tax on flowers imported from India ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;